Army Review Boards Agency

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Serving Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families, with Justice, Equity, and Compassion

- **Acts for the Secretary of the Army**
- **Highest administrative level for review of personnel actions taken by lower levels of the Army**
- **Correct errors and injustices**
- **Policy oversight of Army Prisons and Law Enforcement**
- **15 Boards**
  - 143 personnel required (122 Civ, 21 Mil) plus 90 DA civilian volunteer ABCMR Board Members
- **Issues decisions based on recommendations from the DoD Physical Disability Board of Review**
  - 655 cases as of 30 September 2011

FY 12 Priorities

- **Meet and exceed Congressional Mandate for processing time for cases (90% within 10 months – 100% within 18 months)**
- **Undertake BRAC movements with minimal disruption**
- **Support Secretary of the Army and ASA (M&RA) priorities**

  - proactive legislative and regulatory changes to improve our services
- **Continuous business process analysis and improvements**
- **Trend analysis of cases and systemic corrective actions**
- **Outreach and responsiveness to Congress, Veterans' Organizations and Army Commands**

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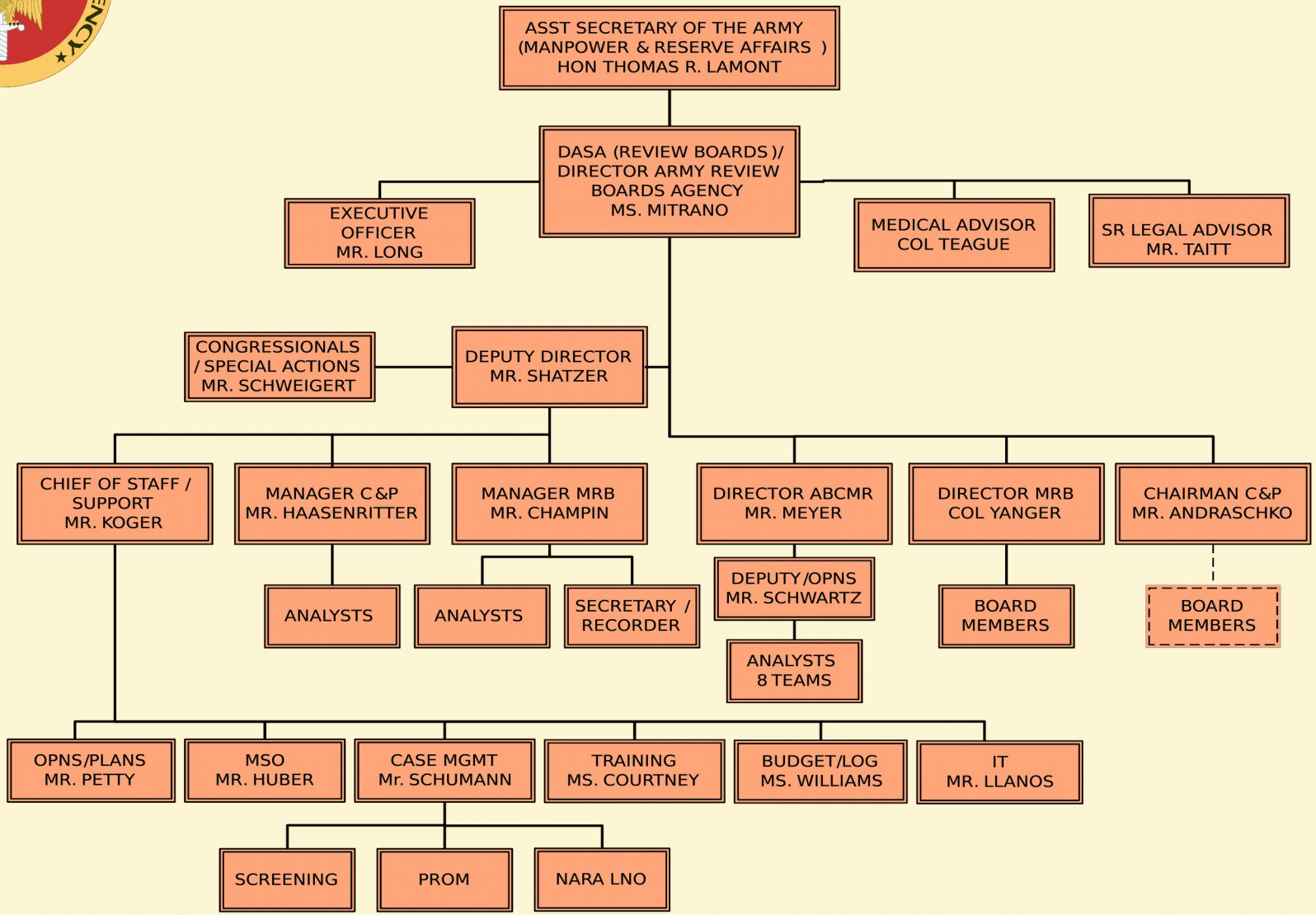

Procedural Highlights for Most Military Boards

1. Soldier/Veteran/Family Member submits an application
2. ARBA Staff analyzes the case:
   - Boards are not investigative bodies – only military records and occasional advisory opinions obtained
   - Applicant bears the burden of proof
   - Presumption of administrative regularity
   - Some cases are administratively closed if not appropriate for Board review or can be corrected administratively
3. Staff analysis and case materials are submitted to a Board for consideration and vote
4. Board or DASA determinations transmitted to the applicant and, if applicable, to the appropriate Army staff office for implementation

ARBA Boards

- **Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)**
- **Army Discharge Review Board (ADRB)**
- **Army Grade Determination Review Board (AGDRB)**
- **Army Board of Review for Eliminations**
- **Army Ad Hoc Board**
- **Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Officers)**
- **Enlisted Special Review Board (ESRB)**
- **Officer Special Review Board (OSRB)**
- **DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DASEB)**
- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)**
- **Army Physical Disability Appeal Board**
- **Army Physical Disability Review Board**
- **Army Disability Rating Review Board**
- **Army Clemency and Parole Board (AC&PB)**

Army Board for Correction

Board of 3 DA Senior Civilian Employees

The highest administrative board in the Army

established by Title 10 U.S. Code section 1552 to

correct errors and injustices in military records.

Administrative "Supreme Court"

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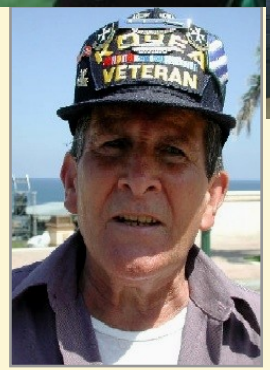

22,436 Cases in FY11

Army Discharge Review Board

Board of 5 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Established by Title 10 U.S. Code Section 1553 to review discharges of former Soldiers:**
  - **For propriety and equity in the Army in general**
  - **15-year statute of limitations**
  - **Excludes GCM discharges and disability separations**
- **Procedures include:**
  - **Personal appearance and records review**
  - **Priority processing and Doctor on the Board if PTSD diagnosed**
- **Factors commonly consi**
  - **Propriety: due process, li**
  - **Equity: characterization**

4,489 Cases in FY11

Grade Determination and Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Army Grade Determination Review** — **305 Cases FY11**

  Determines highest grade in which a me

  satisfactorily:
  - **Enlisted Soldiers/warrant officers after serving 30 total years on active and retired lists**
  - **Officer grade at time of retirement**
  - **At separation for disability**

- **Army Board of Review for Elimina** — **45 Cases FY11**

  Reviews records and briefs of officers who have been recommended for elimination for misconduct or substandard performance by Boards of Inquiry in the field

Grade Determination and Officer Separation Boards

Board of 3 Colonels/Lieutenant Colonels

- **Army Ad Hoc Board**

166 Cases FY11

- Officer resignations for the good of t
in lieu of general court-martial
- Resignations/discharges in lieu of elimination
- Probationary officer elimination cases

Other Military Review Boards

Board of
3 Colonels / Lieutenant Colonels(P) / Sergeants Major

- **Enlisted Special Review Board (E**
  - **Enlisted Evaluation Appeals and pr**
  reconsideration

173 Cases in FY11

- **Officer Special Review Board (OS**
  - **Officer Evaluation Appeals and promo**
  reconsideration

132 Cases in FY11

- **DA Suitability Evaluation Board (DA**
  - **Unfavorable Information Appeals and**

478 Cases in FY11

31 Cases in FY11

- **DA Conscientious Objector Review Board (DACORB)**

Category 1-O = separation

Category 1-A-O = reassig
combatant duties

Total above = 814 Cases in FY11

Army Clemency and Parole Board

1 Civilian Chairman, 3 Colonels/Lt Colonels/Sr Civilians,
1 Legal Advisor

- **Conducts hearings for clemency, Parole, Mandatory Supervised Release, and supervision violations for eligible Army inmates under Title 10 USC 954 (Parole) and Title 10 USC 874 (Clemency)**

671 Cases in FY11

- **1194 Army inmates in military prisons in Kuwait, Germany, Korea, contract facilities, and in Federal Prisons**

- **Interfaces with:**
  - **U.S. Parole Commission**
  - **Administrative Offices of U.S. C ision)**
  - **The Federal Bureau of Prisons**
  - **DoD Corrections Council**
  - **DoD Correctional Facilities**

Army Review Boards Agency Online Resources

- **ARBA Website: *http://arba.army.pentagon.mil***
  - **Information on ARBA Boards**
  - **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers; ABCMR Applicant's Guide**
  - **Application Procedures and printable DD Form 149 and DD Form 293**
  - **ONLINE APPLICATION!!**

- **Online Application: *http://actsonline.army.mil***
  - **Apply electronically to ABCMR and ADRB**
  - **Guides applicants through the process and provides helps**
  - **Signature page is printed at the end of the online application, signed and mailed with supporting documents**
  - **Applicants can check application status online using the Internet**

- **ARBA Case Tracking System (ACTS)**
  - **Case tracking and management**

- **ARBA Intranet - Shareportal**
  - **Single source for ARBA staff resources and information**

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